

Plaza del Sol

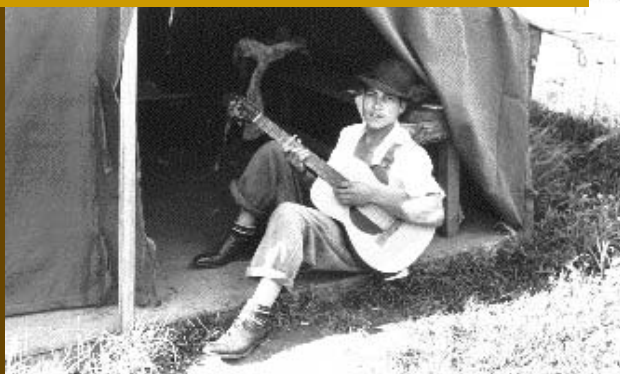


[Photos: Courtesy of USDA/Rural Development]

Greeley, Colorado



“Plaza del Sol is a stark contrast to the harsh living conditions migrants and farm workers have endured in the past, which include sleeping in trailers devoid of electricity and running water or in makeshift tents under a bridge.”



-“Housing woos migrant workers back to Weld”
Article by Millete Birhanemaskel
Greeley Tribune, August 25, 2004



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Project Description



- ❑ Construction completed in 2003
- ❑ A year-round housing project for farm laborers
- ❑ 42, one and two story, detached residential buildings and a community center
- ❑ 5.27 acre site
- ❑ Wheelchair accessible community center
- ❑ Some wheelchair accessible apartments
- ❑ Located near single family and multiple family housing subdivisions and projects
- ❑ USDA/Rural Development, Farm Labor Housing Program, permanent mortgage financing
- ❑ Sited at the eastern edge of a large city with agricultural ties in north central Colorado

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Greeley, Colorado

A regional city located in north central Colorado with a long association with farming in one of the most agricultural commodities producing counties in the United States. Population: around 80,000. The city was named after Horace Greeley, famous for the saying, “Go west, young man, go...”.



Owner's Architectural Program

Special Considerations

- ❑ Maximize wheelchair accessibility across the site
- ❑ Provide flexibility in the living unit floor plan arrangements for a variety of potential clients
- ❑ Provide a community kitchen and dining facility
- ❑ Emphasize detached building design to integrate with nearby single family housing subdivisions
- ❑ Aesthetically compliment the indigenous architecture of the region
- ❑ Utilize conventional low maintenance materials & methods
- ❑ Competitively bid the main construction contract



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Construction Phase Gallery



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Initial Occupancy Phase Gallery



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Community building and residential units



[Photos: Courtesy of USDA/Rural Development]

Community building central dining facility



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Community building



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